


- IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**So ORDERED and SIGNED this 3rd day of May, 2016.**

  
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RODNEY GILSTRAP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## **JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **Instructions**

Dear Prospective Juror:

An important part of any trial is the jury selection process. During jury selection, the judge and the lawyers for the parties will ask all of the prospective jurors questions. These questions are necessary to ensure that those selected to serve on the jury are representative of our community at large, and can be fair and impartial judges of the facts. Giving complete and candid answers on this questionnaire and during jury selection is an important step for ensuring a fair and impartial trial, and is one of your important duties as a prospective juror.

What follows is a brief questionnaire. Please answer each question as completely and accurately as you reasonably can. Your answers will help reduce the amount of time needed to complete the jury selection process. If there is not sufficient space provided for you to complete your answer, please use the blank space on this page to complete your answer. The information provided by you will be treated as confidential and used only for purposes of jury selection in this case.

If you feel that any question requires an answer which is too sensitive, personal or private to be discussed in open court, simply write "PRIVATE" in the left margin next to your answer and the questioning on that topic will be held in private, out of the presence of the other prospective jurors.

Please do not discuss either the questions or your answers with anyone, not even your family or friends. If you do not understand a particular question, please write "I DO NOT UNDERSTAND" next to the question and it will be explained to you in Court.

Keep in mind there are no "right" or "wrong" answers, only complete and incomplete answers. Complete answers are far more helpful than incomplete answers because they make additional questioning unnecessary. Therefore, they shorten the time it takes to select a jury.

We thank you for your cooperation and your service as a prospective juror.

**CONFIDENTIAL JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

1. What is your address? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you own or rent? ☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ Live with Relatives Years at current address? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the last level of education you completed? ☐ Less than High School ☐ Some High School  
☐ High School/GED ☐ Some College/Technical ☐ Technical/Vocational School ☐ College ☐ Advanced Degree.  
Please list any degrees you have from college, technical/vocational, or graduate school and also list where you got the degree(s) and in what field of study: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your current job status? (Check all that apply): ☐ Full-time ☐ Part Time ☐ Self-employed ☐ Homemaker  
☐ Unemployed ☐ Disabled ☐ Retired ☐ Student ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please list your employment history for your three most recent jobs  

Dates	Employer	Job Description
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
6. Have you or someone close to you been laid off recently? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you or your spouse ever owned your own business? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is your marital status? ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed/Widower
9. Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's job description: \_\_\_\_\_
10. If you have any children, please list their names/ages: \_\_\_\_\_
11. If you have any grandchildren, please list their names/ages: \_\_\_\_\_
12. What 3 words would you use to describe yourself? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is your main source of news? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Radio ☐ TV ☐ Internet ☐ Friends and family
14. Please list any unions, churches, clubs, groups, fellowships, or political organizations to which you belong, as well as leadership positions you have held there: \_\_\_\_\_
15. If you or your spouse served in the military, please list branch/service dates: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Please list your favorite leisure time activities: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you or an immediate family member: Ever sued someone? ☐ Yes ☐ No Ever been sued? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Ever been a witness in court, except in a case involving family law? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes to any of the above, please describe what kind of lawsuit and what the result was: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Please indicate your level of trust in government agencies: [check one]  
☐ A great deal of trust ☐ A fair amount of trust ☐ A slight amount of trust ☐ No trust at all
19. Have you ever wanted to file a lawsuit but did not for some reason? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
20. Have you previously served on a jury? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, were you a foreperson? ☐ Yes ☐ No

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

Juror No. \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you have any feelings, positive or negative, about consumer product manufacturers? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Do you have particular feelings, positive or negative, towards big companies? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
23. If the law requires that individuals and companies must be treated equally, would you be able to follow the law?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
24. What do you think of the number of lawsuits filed in recent years?  
☐ Much too high ☐ Somewhat high ☐ About right ☐ Somewhat low ☐ Much too low ☐ Not sure
25. How do you feel about the amount of money damages awarded in lawsuits today?  
☐ Much too high ☐ Somewhat high ☐ About right ☐ Somewhat low ☐ Much too low ☐ Not sure
26. Do you have any special training, education, or experience in the following areas? [Check all that apply]  
☐ Auto Maintenance ☐ Construction/Carpentry ☐ Chemicals ☐ Environmental ☐ Healthcare ☐ Insurance  
☐ Law/Legal ☐ Manufacturing ☐ Social Work/Mental Health ☐ Electrician ☐ Police/Fire/Emergency  
☐ State Agency/Regulatory/OSHA ☐ Community Activist ☐ Accident Reconstruction ☐ Design/Engineering  
☐ Community Activist ☐ Sales  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Have you or someone close to you suffered from a short-term or long-term disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Have you ever cared for someone who suffered from a significant disability or terminal illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
29. Have you or someone close to you been in a car accident in which someone was injured? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
30. Have you ever purchased or used a child car seat? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, describe the type(s)/brand(s) of seat and the dates of use: \_\_\_\_\_
31. Have you or someone close to you ever used a child car seat that was rear-facing with a child over one year of age?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
32. Do you think child car seats should protect the rider in all accidents, no matter the circumstances? ☐ Yes ☐ No
33. Is there any reason it would be difficult for you to be a juror in a case involving injuries to a child? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
34. Are you or anyone in your family a member of Texans for Lawsuit Reform or any other group that wants to change laws about lawsuits? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
35. In our country when a person has been injured because of the negligence of someone else, in most instances, money is the only form of compensation that a person can seek under our system of justice. Do you think that is a good system?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_